Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Sunday 03 Dec 2023 until 23:59 on Monday 04 Dec 2023

Forecast Issued on Saturday 02 Dec 2023 at 14:38 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Generally high for staying cold and mostly dry through to Tuesday, with cloud amounts the main uncertainty, and wind strength on Monday. Low confidence for timing of milder, stormy conditions Wednesday or Thursday.

Headline for Sunday 03 Dec 2023: Cold and dry. Patchy cloud, sunny spells in the west.

Mountain weather hazards on Sunday 03 Dec 2023

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Low Likelihood	**Poor visibility** No Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability							
<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%

Forecast for Sunday 03 Dec 2023

Weather: Dry and cold. Low cloud across southern Argyll, the Trossachs and Arran in the early hours, likely to persist until mid-late morning, but mostly clear skies then sunny across Lochaber. Sunny conditions more widely in the afternoon, although eastern most hills may hold on to some patchy cloud. Cloud over eastern hills increasing overnight, but largely clear skies towards the west coast.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 60% in the morning, 80% in the afternoon.

Low Cloud and visibility: Good or very good visibility outside any low cloud. Cloud bases around 900m, just a few patches in the west, but more extensive until mid-morning in the east

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	4/5 NE	3/4 NE	3/4 SE	5/6 E	6/8 SE	7/9 E	8/11 E	10/14 E	12/17 NE
900	3/4 SE	2/4 SW	3/4 SE	4/6 E	8/11 E	7/10 E	10/14 E	11/16 E	12/18 E
600	3/4 NE	3/5 NE	4/5 NE	4/6 NE	4/6 E	6/8 NE	7/11 NE	10/14 NE	12/18 NE
300	3/4 NE	3/5 NE	3/5 NE	3/6 NE	4/6 NE	4/7 NE	4/7 N	4/8 NE	5/10 N
Glen	3/5 N	2/6 NE	2/5 N	3/7 NE	2/8 NE	2/7 N	3/10 NE	5/13 NE	6/15 NE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-7/-10	-7/-10	-8/-10	-7/-11	-7/-11	-6/-11	-6/-11	-6/-12	-6/-12
900	-5/-8	-6/-8	-6/-9	-6/-9	-5/-10	-5/-9	-5/-11	-5/-11	-4/-10
600	-3/-5	-3/-5	-4/-7	-4/-7	-3/-5	-2/-6	-2/-6	-2/-7	-2/-7
300	-2/-4	-2/-4	-2/-4	-2/-5	-2/-4	-1/-4	-2/-4	-2/-4	-2/-4
Glen	-2/-4	-3/-5	-3/-5	-3/-5	-0/-2	-1/-3	-2/-4	-2/-5	-0/-4
Freezing Level*	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Winds increasing to moderate in the evening, giving a significant chill. Note freezing level around 400m over Arran during daylight hours.

Forecast for Monday 04 Dec 2023
Weather: Dry through the early hours, mostly cloudy, but some clear spells in the west. Then a mostly cloudy day, with the best of any brighter spells in the west, mainly over Argyll. Mostly dry, but a few light snow flurries may reach eastern hills in the afternoon. Dry overnight.

Maximum wind: Northeast 20 gusting 30 mph easing to 15 gusting 20 mph late afternoon.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 60-70%, best chance in the west.

Low Cloud and visibility: Visibility good or very good outside of low cloud. Variable cloud base, often just above the higher summits, but lowering to 900-1000m at times.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 3 Celsius rising to plus 2 Celsius.
At 800m: Minus 1 or 2 Celsius.
Freezing level: 200m, rising to 600m by late morning. Down to the glens again late evening.

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